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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 86

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 86, as amended, Aanestad. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of September 2010 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 *WHEREAS, Prostate cancer impacts all Californians and has*
- 2 *touched the Senate of the State of California this year with the*
- 3 *passing of Senator Dave Cox after a 13-year battle with the*
- 4 *disease; and*

1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
2 in six men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and that
3 there will be approximately 217,730 new cases of the disease in
4 the United States in the current year, resulting in nearly 32,050
5 deaths; and

6 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
7 cancer among men in all race and ethnic groups. African American
8 men are 50 percent more likely to develop this disease than any
9 other group of men; and

10 WHEREAS, In California, approximately 20,120 men will be
11 diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more than
12 eight California men will die of this disease; and

13 WHEREAS, While prostate cancer is a leading cause of cancer
14 deaths in men, little is known about this disease and there are
15 usually no symptoms in the early stages; and

16 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when
17 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 31
18 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and

19 WHEREAS, A prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and
20 a digital rectal examination (DRE) diagnose most prostate cancers
21 before symptoms develop; and

22 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that
23 health care providers offer the PSA and DRE annually to men who
24 have at least a 10-year life expectancy, beginning when the men
25 are 50 years of age; and

26 WHEREAS, Men who have a father, son, or brother who has
27 been diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age, and
28 African American men should be offered a PSA and DRE annually
29 beginning when they are 45 years of age; and

30 WHEREAS, Men who have multiple family members who have
31 been diagnosed with prostate cancer before 65 years of age should
32 be offered a PSA and ~~523DRE~~ DRE annually beginning when they
33 are 40 years of age; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
36 September 2010 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State
37 of California and that public officials and citizens of California
38 are encouraged to observe the month with appropriate activities
39 and programs; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
2 nation to increase the awareness of the importance of early
3 detection and treatment of prostate cancer; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
5 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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